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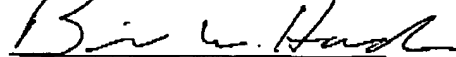
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APPLICANT: Ralph REYNOLDS et al)
SERIAL NO: 10/626,906) Group Art Unit: 1733
FILED: July 25, 2003) Examiner: Justin R. Fischer
TITLE: WHEEL AND TIRE ASSEMBLY HAVING A BEAD SEAT ANGLE IN
THE RANGE OF 10 DEGREE TO 12 DEGREE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on April 1, 2005. Also submitted with this response is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to May 2, 2005 (May 1st fell on a Sunday).

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has requested a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of two groups, namely:

- Group I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a tire; and
- Group II. Claims 6-8, drawn to a rim.

The Applicant hereby elects the claims of group II with traverse.

The Examiner believes that the claims of groups I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as useable together in a single combination but each having separate utility. Specifically the Examiner believes that that group I has separate utility such as with a rim in which the inclined angle (of the bead support surfaces) is less than 20 degrees or greater